Texas Department of Insurance
Division of Workers' Compensation
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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name and Address

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PO BOX 121589
ARLINGTON, TX 76012

Respondent Name
TEXAS MUTUAL INSURANCE CO

Carrier's Austin Representative Box
Box Number 54

MFDR Tracking Number
M4-12-3138-01

MFDR Date Received
June 18, 2012

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "Dr. Lida Dahm requests Medical Dispute Resolution in pursuant of Rule 133.305 Medical Dispute Resolution in the above referenced patients case. Per Rule 126.7 Designated Doctor Examinations: Request and General Procedures. This request was made in the form and manner prescribed by the Division. The report of the designated doctor is given presumptive weight regarding the issue(s) in question and/or dispute. The designated examination was requested to resolve questions(s) about the following: Impairment caused by the employee's compensable injury Attainment of maximum medical improvement."

Amount in Dispute: $500.00

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "The following is the carrier's statement with respect to this dispute: The requestor conducted a designated doctor exam of the claimant on 12/1/11. The requestor found the claimant was not at maximum medical improvement (MMI). The requestor billed code 99456-W5-WP. Rule 134.204 at (i)(4)(C)(iii) states, "If the examining doctor performs the MMI examination and the IR testing of the musculoskeletal body area(s), the examining doctor shall bill using the appropriate MMI CPT Code with Modifier WP."

Response Submitted by: Texas Mutual

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
December 01, 2011	CPT Code 99456-W5-WP	$500.00	$500.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 amended to be effective May 31, 2012, *37 Texas Register 3833*,applicable to medical fee dispute resolution requests filed on or after June 1, 2012, sets out the procedures for resolving a medical fee dispute.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code§134.204 sets out the fee guideline for workers' compensation specific services

on or after March 1, 2008.

3. The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:

   Explanation of benefits dated January 13, 2012
   - CAC-W4 – The procedure code is inconsistent with the modifier used for a required modifier is missing
   - 732 – Accurate coding is essential for reimbursement. Modifier billed incorrectly or missing. Services are not reimbursable as billed

   Explanation of benefits dated February 22, 2012
   - CAC-W4 – The procedure code is inconsistent with the modifier used for a required modifier is missing
   - 732 – Accurate coding is essential for reimbursement. Modifier billed incorrectly or missing. Services are not reimbursable as billed

   Explanation of benefits dated March 13, 2012
   - CAC-193 – Original payment decision is being maintained upon review, it was determined that this claim was processed properly
   - CAC-W4 – The procedure code is inconsistent with the modifier used for a required modifier is missing
   - 732 – Accurate coding is essential for reimbursement. Modifier billed incorrectly or missing. Services are not reimbursable as billed
   - 891 – No additional payment after reconsideration

   Explanation of benefits dated April 18, 2012
   - CAC-18 – Duplicate claim/service
   - CAC-W4 – The procedure code is inconsistent with the modifier used for a required modifier is missing
   - 732 – Accurate coding is essential for reimbursement. Modifier billed incorrectly or missing. Services are not reimbursable as billed
   - 878 – Appeal (Request for reconsideration) previously processed refer to Rule 133.250(H)

Issues

1. Is the requestor entitled to reimbursement for the disputed services in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.204?

Findings

1. The requestor billed with CPT Code 99456 W5-WP for one unit in the amount of $500.00. Review of EES-14 and DWC-69 form the following examinations were requested to determine Maximum Medical Impairment (MMI), Impairment Rating (IR), Return to Work and Extent of the Employee's Compensable Injury. Documentation supports that Maximum Medical Impairment (MMI) was reached with one body area rated using the DRE method.

   Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.204 (i) The following shall apply to Designated Doctor Examinations,

   (j) Maximum Medical Improvement and/or Impairment Rating (MMI/IR) examinations shall be billed and reimbursed as follows, (1) The total MAR for an MMI/IR examination shall be equal to the MMI evaluation reimbursement plus the reimbursement for the body area(s) evaluated for the assignment of an IR. The MMI/IR examination shall include, (3) The following applies for billing and reimbursement of an MMI evaluation, (C) An examining doctor, other than the treating doctor, shall bill using CPT Code 99456. Reimbursement shall be $350. The following applies for reimbursement for Impairment Evaluation Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.204 (j) Maximum Medical Improvement and/or Impairment Rating (MMI/IR) examinations shall be billed and reimbursed as follows, (4) The following applies for billing and reimbursement of an IR evaluation, (C) For musculoskeletal body areas, the examining doctor may bill for a maximum of three body areas, (i) Musculoskeletal body areas are defined as follows: (ii) The MAR for musculoskeletal body areas shall be as follows, (I) $150 for each body area if the Diagnosis Related Estimates (DRE) method found in the AMA Guides 4th edition is used.

   The total MAR reimbursement for CPT Code 99456-W5-WP is $500.00.

2. Review of the submitted documentation finds the respondent issued additional payment in the amount of $0.00, therefore, the requestor is entitled to reimbursement in the amount of $500.00

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is $500.00

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code Sections 413.031 and 413.019 (if applicable), the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to additional reimbursement for the services involved in this dispute. The Division hereby ORDERS the respondent to remit to the requestor the amount of $500.00 plus applicable accrued interest per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.130, due within 30 days of receipt of this Order.

Authorized Signature

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Signature	Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	Date

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 31, 2012, *37 Texas Register 3833*, **applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012**.

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.